

REMARKS

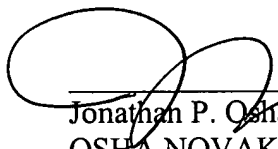
Please consider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 7-14 have been added. New claims 7-14 have been presented to more clearly recite the scope of the present invention. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the original Specification and no new matter has been added.

Also, please consider the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

Applicant believes this application to be in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 15115.093001).

Respectfully submitted,

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